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CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION

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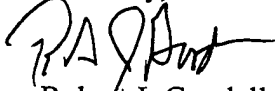
Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Inventors: Mitsuo YASUSHI, et al.
Title: MUSIC SEARCHING METHOD, MUSIC SEARCHING
DEVICE, AND MUSIC SEARCHING PROGRAM
Your Reference: P01-159645M/YS
Our Reference: 040894-5969

Dear Mr. Ohara:

Thank you for forwarding a new patent application for filing in the United States. The application was filed on **October 21, 2003**, and convention priority was preserved. We also filed the Information Disclosure Statement. Copies of the as-filed papers are enclosed for your files.

With best regards.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Goodell
Patent Agent

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Enclosures/Attachments

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